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1. POLITICAL COUNSELOR HAD OCCASION TO DISCUSS CURRENT CYPRUS PROBLEM WITH GERMAN DCM SCHLINGENSIEPEN. HE WAS AWARE OF CONTINUING BRITISH AND US EFFORTS TO RESTORE BASIS FOR DISCUSSIONS AMONG PARTIES AND INDICATED FRG HAD DEEP INTEREST IN DOING ALL THAT IT COULD AS NATO MEMBER TO ASSIST IN THIS PROCESS.

2. GERMAN DCM SAID FRG THOUGHT THERE MAY BE SOME WAY TO EXPLOIT GREEK DESIRE TO MOVE RELATIVELY QUICKLY INTO COMMON MARKET AS LEVER TO ENCOURAGE GOG TO ADOPT MORE REASONABLE STANCE TOWARD RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS ON CYPRUS. HE INDICATED THAT BONN

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HAD VARIOUS POSSIBILITIES UNDER CONSIDERATION REGARDING

FORM ANY FRG OR EC INITIATIVE MIGHT TAKE BUT EMPHASIZED GERMAN THINKING AND PLANNING SO FAR HIGHLY TENTATIVE. IN ANY CASE FRG INTENDED TO CONSULT FULLY WITH OTHER KEY MEMBERS OF NATO, PARTICULARLY US AND UK, BEFORE UNDERTAKING ANY INITIATIVE EITHER ON ITS OWN OR IN EC CONTEXT. MEANTIME FRG SAW SOME PROMISE IN POSSIBLE INITIAL CONTACTS BETWEEN CLERIDES AND DENKTASH.

3. SCHLINGENSIEPEN TOLD POLITICAL COUNSELOR THAT GERMAN EMBASSY HERE HAD IMPRESSION THAT PM CARAMANLIS INTENDED TO MOVE SLOWLY AND DELIBERATELY SO FAR AS GREEK WITHDRAWAL FROM MILITARY SIDE OF NATO WAS CONCERNED AND ULTIMATELY MIGHT NOT CARRY THROUGH ON DECISION IN ITS PRESENT UNQUALIFIED TERMS. IT APPEARED FROM CONTEXT OF CONVERSATION THAT THIS GERMAN VIEW REFLECTED SOME REMARK CARAMANLIS HAD RECENTLY MADE TO GERMAN AMBASSADOR, BUT IT MAY BE NO MORE THAN GERMAN WISHFUL THINKING.

4. GERMAN DCM SEVERAL TIMES REFERRED TO EXPOSED AND DELICATE POSITION WHICH BOTH US AND UK NOW HAVE IN GREECE BECAUSE OF WIDESPREAD GREEK VIEW THEIR ACTIONS IN CYPRUS CRISIS HAD FAVORED TURKS. IT WAS THIS FACTOR IN HIS OPINION THAT UNDERScoreD NEED FOR OTHER MEMBERS OF ALLIANCE, WHOSE CREDENTIALS REMAINED EQUALLY CREDIBLE IN ANKARA AND ATHENS, AS WAS UNIQUELY CASE WITH FRG, TO BEGIN TO WORK ON BOTH GREECE AND TURKEY IN EFFORT TO RESTORE FRAMEWORK FOR CONSTRUCTIVE NEGOTIATIONS. SCHLINGENSIEPEN THOUGHT FRENCH WERE PERHAPS NOW "TOO CLOSE" TO GREEKS TO PLAY USEFUL ROLE IN ANKARA.

5. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION AUSTRALIAN COUNSELOR ALLEN TOLD EMBASSY POLITICAL COUNSELOR THAT CANBERRA HAD REPORTED VERY STRONG DEMARCHE FROM GREEK AMBASSADOR THERE, EXPLAINING GOG INTENDED TO STAND FIRMLY ON POSITION THAT NEGOTIATIONS COULD NOT BE RESUMED UNTIL TURKISH FORCES WITHDRAW TO AUGUST 9 POSITIONS AND SC RESOLUTION 353 FULLY IMPLEMENTED.

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ALLEN SPECULATED APPROACH TO AUSTRALIA BY GREEKS WAS PART OF WORLDWIDE DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVE DESIGNED TO SHOW GREEK PEOPLE THAT CARAMANLIS GOVERNMENT WAS "DOING SOMETHING", EVEN THOUGH PRACTICAL SITUATION IN CYPRUS MADE THIS GREEK POSITION THOROUGHLY UNREALISTIC. TASCA

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